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Sir Bernard Lovell (1913–2012)

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Sir Bernard Lovell, founder and first Director of Jodrell Bank Observatory (UK), died on August 6th, 2012, at the age of 98. Lovell was one of the pioneers of radio astronomy. Much of his observational work in the early days of the Observatory focused on radio meteors. Using ex-army radar equipment, Lovell and his colleagues recorded the spectacular Draconid storm of October 1946 and went on to publish many papers in the field, settling some of the big arguments of the time. Sir Bernard's legacy is immense, extending from his wartime work on military radar systems to his pioneering contributions to radio astronomy, and including his dedication to education and public engagement with scientific research.

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